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California Citizens Redistricting Commission 1130 K Street, Suite 101 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

We respectfully request that the Commission keep Placer County whole when issuing the final district maps for the Assembly, State Senate, Congress, and the Board of Equalization. With a growing population of over 330,000 residents, all of Placer County, from Granite Bay to Lake Tahoe, should be the central element in the district boundaries of one Assembly seat and a major component of the State Senate, Congressional and BOE seats. The cities of Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Roseville, Rocklin, the town of Loomis and the northern communities of Lake Tahoe should be kept together in one Assembly seat.

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As one of the earliest established counties in California, elected officials, civil servants, business owners and residents in Placer County have developed strong ties in identifying and coming together to solve public policy problems. Since the Gold Rush days, we have over time developed important infrastructure networks and service delivery systems to benefit all residents in Placer County.

We believe that our residents would benefit if Placer County were kept whole in the district boundaries for our elected state and federal representatives. We also believe that such a plan could potentially help our county save tax dollars for election costs. Unfortunately, the redistricting gerrymander of 2000 resulted in the balkanization of Placer County into three Assembly districts and two State Senate districts. From a public policy point of view, this doesn't make any sense. Placer County represents a strong and cohesive community of interest and keeping our county whole in the drawing of the district boundaries will help the Commission fulfill it's important mission.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Mayor William W. Kirby

Councilman Kevin Hanley

Councilmember Bridget Powers

Vice Mayor Keith Nesbitt

Councilman Mike Holmes